IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:	
) BANKRUPTCY NO. 22-20823-GLT
U LOCK INC.)
) CHAPTER 7
DEBTOR)
***********) RE: DOCUMENT NO. 258
CHRISTINE BIROS)
)
MOVANT) Hearing Date: 1/20/23 @ 10:30 AM
) Courtroom A—Pittsburgh
vs.)
)
ROBERT H. SLONE, Chapter 7 Trustee)
For the Estate of U Lock, Inc.)

TRUSTEE'S RESPONSE TO CHRISTINE BIROS' MOTION FOR ALLOWANCE OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIM PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §503(b)(1)

AND NOW, comes Robert H. Slone, Trustee, by and through his counsel, Mahady & Mahady—Robert H. Slone, Esquire, and files this Response to Christine Biros' Motion for Allowance of Administrative Expense Claim Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §503(b)(1), stating as follows:

- 1. Admitted.
- 2. Admitted.
- 3. Admitted.
- 4. Admitted.
- 5. Admitted.
- 6. Admitted.
- 7. Admitted.
- 8. Admitted.
- 9. The allegations of Paragraph 9 are admitted in part and denied in part in that partial relief from the automatic stay was granted to Movant, Christine Biros ("Biros").

- 10. Admitted.
- 11. Admitted.
- 12. Admitted.
- 13. Admitted.
- 14. The allegation of Paragraph 14 is unknown to Respondent and strict proof thereof is demanded.
- 15. The allegation of Paragraph 15 is unknown to Respondent and strict proof thereof is demanded.
- 16. The allegation of Paragraph 16 admitted other than that partial relief from the automatic stay was granted to Biros.
- 17. Admitted.
- 18. As to paragraph 18, it is admitted that Biros. has not received any payment.
- 19. As to paragraph 19, the Trustee received minimal rent after the date of the bankruptcy.
- 20. As to paragraph 20, it is denied that the rent due is \$18,000.00 and strict proof thereof is demanded. It is further responded that the Trustee was never provided with any lease between Debtor and Biros.
- 21. As to paragraph 21, Biros made an updated offer for purchase of the estate assets of U Lock, Inc. by letter dated September 22, 2022, wherein Biros conservatively estimated that the administrative claim for the rent for the use and occupancy of the real property since April 27, 2022 is \$5,000.00 per month. A copy of Biros' letter dated September 22, 2022 is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A".
- 22. As to paragraph 22, at the sale hearing held December 15, 2022, Biros as a bidder asked for a credit for the administrative rent. The Court granted the sum of \$10,000.00 as an administrative rent claim., which is approximately \$1,500.00 per month.

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23. The amount of gross revenue as per the Debtor's bankruptcy schedules filed in this case for the year of 2021 was \$13,200.00 and \$12,000.00 for the year 2020. It is further submitted that a review of the bank statements from Citizens Bank for the period January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 showed deposits and credits totaling \$2,610.00.

WHEREFORE, it is prayed that an administrative claim for rent of \$18,000.00 per month for Movant, Christine Biros, be denied and that an administrative claim for rent for Christine Biros in a lesser amount be set by the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 6, 2023 /s/ ROBERT H. SLONE

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I certify under penalty of perjury that I served the above captioned pleading on the parties at the addresses specified below on January 6, 2023 by the following:

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